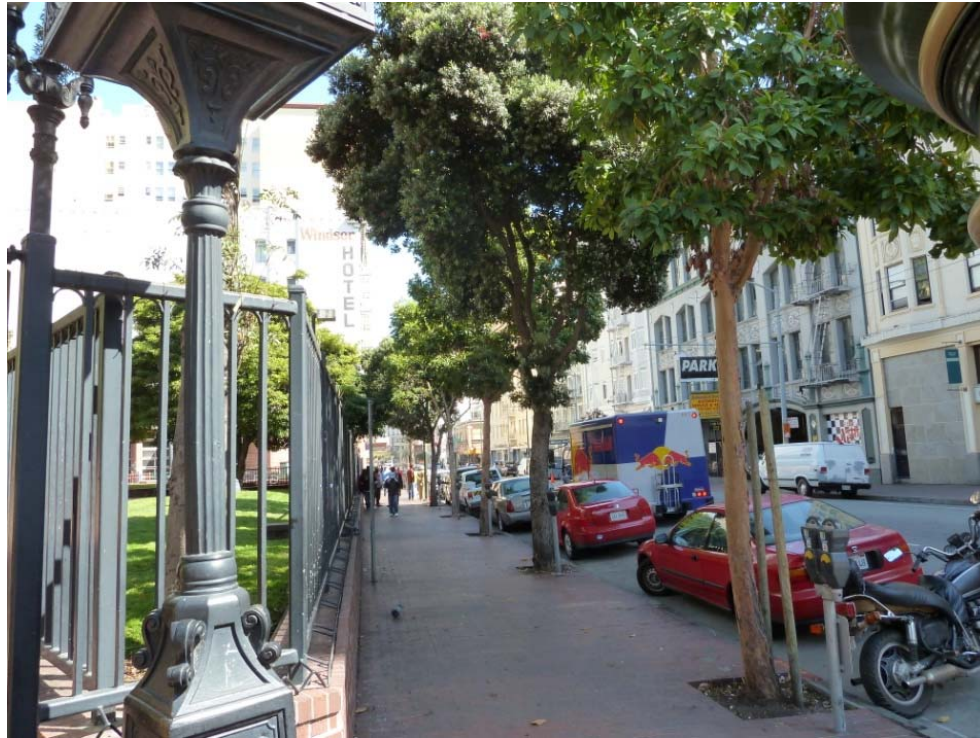
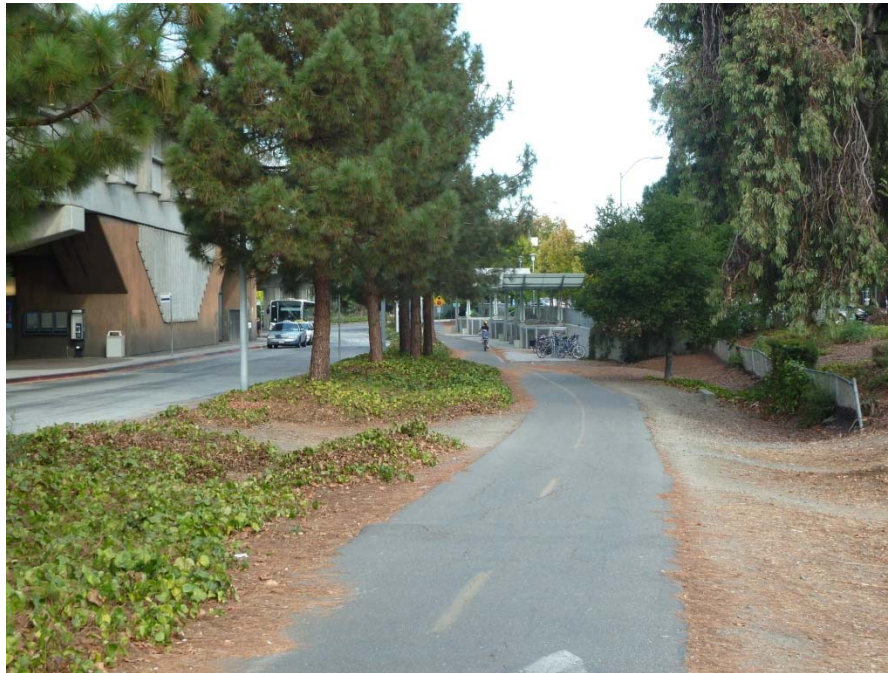


# Urban Greening for Sustainable Communities Planning Grant Program



## Urban Greening Planning Grant Program Purpose

- Assist entities in developing a master urban greening plan that will ultimately result in projects to help the State meet its environmental goals and create healthy communities.



## How much is available?

- Up to \$5 million for Urban Greening Plans (25% of available Urban Greening Project funds)
- Maximum of \$250,000
- In 2010, SGC awarded over \$3.8 million for Urban Greening Plans to:
  - 11 City/County Governments
  - 5 Nonprofit Organizations





## Who is eligible?

- Council of Governments
- Countywide Authorities
- Metropolitan Planning Organizations
- Local Governments
- Nonprofit Organizations
- Joint Powers Authorities (if one member is eligible)
- Special Districts



# What is eligible?

## Statutory Requirements

### Plans must -

1. Serve as the master document guiding and coordinating urban greening projects within or adjacent to an urban area  
(Focus must be on the qualifying urban area. However, a plan may overlap a larger area, including less dense areas.)
2. Be consistent with the State's planning policies:
  - Promote infill development and equity
  - Protect environmental and agricultural resources, and
  - Encourage efficient development patterns



# What is eligible?

## Statutory Requirements

### Plans must -

3. Be consistent with the jurisdiction's general or regional plans, where one exists
4. Include projects that will reduce, on as permanent a basis that is feasible, greenhouse gas emissions
5. Comply with CEQA (as applicable)



# What is eligible?

## Additional Requirements

Applications for planning grants must –

- Demonstrate the need for an urban greening plan
- Demonstrate how the community will be involved
- Demonstrate how entities with jurisdiction over the urban area will be integrated in the development of the urban greening plan, i.e.
  - Agencies with Land Use Authority
  - Utilities
  - Public Agency Land Owner(s)
  - Regional Governments
- Demonstrate how the urban greening plan will promote public health and the development of a healthy community
- Provide Public Access, where feasible



# What is eligible?

## Priority Considerations

1. Plans proposed by or serving a community that can demonstrate that it is more vulnerable to climate change
2. Plans proposed by or serving a disadvantaged community or severely disadvantaged community.







## What are Urban Greening Planning Activities?

- Plans Funded in 2010 included the Following Activities:
  - Urban Agriculture Initiatives/Planning
  - Open Space Planning
  - Community Green Space Planning
  - Identification of Opportunity Areas, (i.e. areas to convert to green spaces, areas to enhance with additional greening, spaces for community gardens)
  - Planning for Upgrades or Retrofits of Existing Parks
  - Planning to Increase Street Tree Planting and Urban Forestry
  - Planning to Reduce Urban Run-off and Increase Storm Water Retention

# What Types of Planning Activities are Ineligible?

## Ineligible Planning Activities

- Updates to Existing Urban Greening Plans
- General Plan Updates
- Zoning Code changes, Specific Plans, other Community Plans
- Climate Action Plan Adoption
- Green Building Ordinance/Plan Adoption

# How do we receive the grant funds?

## Reimbursement specifics

- Reimbursable program (cash out the door versus invoiced)
- Payment schedule with specified benchmarks/deliverables
- Project management and materials cost reimbursed in conjunction with completed benchmarks/deliverables.
- All eligible costs must be incurred during project performance period
- 10% contingency allowed for eligible costs
- Overhead costs (indirect) not reimbursable



## What are our next steps?

- Notice of Solicitation planned to be released in April
- Planning Applications will be accepted between **May 2, 2011 and July 1, 2011**
- Awards are anticipated to be announced late 2011

\*All awards dependent on appropriation and cash.